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SUBJECT: FOREIGN AID APPROPRIATIONS

TO SECRETARY FROM MCCLOSKEY

1. AS YOU KNOW, THE HOUSE MADE SEVERE CUTS IN OUR FOREIGN AID PROGRAM LAST WEEK. THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER AND MARKUP ON MONDAY AND, AT PRESENT READING, REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE FOR A POSSIBLE VOTE ON TUESDAY.

2. OUR INTELLIGENCE FROM THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IS THAT THE INOUE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS NOT INCREASED THE DISASTROUS LEVELS PROVIDED BY THE HOUSE. IN SOME CRITICAL AREAS, WE UNDERSTAND, IT IS RECOMMENDING CUTS BEYOND THE HOUSE LEVELS. WE ARE, ACCORDINGLY, MOUNTING
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ALL OUT CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY AND FLOOR ACTION THEREAFTER. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE ASKING THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE A NUMBER OF CALLS AND FEEL IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF YOU WERE TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE FOLLOWING KEY SENATORS: JOHN MCCLELLAN, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN; MILTON YOUNG, RANKING REPUBLICAN; DANIEL INOUE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN; AND EDWARD BROOKE, RANKING REPUBLICAN.

3. THE PROPOSED MESSAGE TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: FROM MY CURRENT VANTAGE POINT IN THE MIDDLE EAST I FEEL COMPELLED TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU REGARDING THE NEED FOR SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS SET OUT FOR THIS COMING YEAR. AS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, I AM DEEPLY DISTRESSED, AS IS THE PRESIDENT, BY THE SEVERE CUTS MADE BY THE HOUSE IN THE PROGRAMS WHICH THE CONGRESS AUTHORIZED LAST DECEMBER. KNOWING THAT YOU ARE SOON TO PRESENT YOUR OWN FINDINGS TO THE SENATE, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO RESTORE THOSE ESSENTIAL FUNDS WHICH THE HOUSE CUT FROM THE FOREIGN AID BILL.

THE POTENTIALLY DETRIMENTAL IMPACT OF SOME OF THESE CUTS ON MAJOR U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES AND BASIC SECURITY INTERESTS IS ESPECIALLY RELEVANT TO MY CURRENT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE GREATER STABILITY IN THE CRITICAL EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AREA. I AM ADVISED THAT THE MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC PACKAGE HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BUT IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE CONGRESS WOULD SO SEVERELY CUT THE MAP PROGRAM AS TO REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATION TO WIPE OUT COMPLETELY PROGRAMS, SUCH AS IN JORDAN, WHICH ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO PRIME SECURITY OBJECTIVES IN THIS AREA.

IN ADDITION I AM SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXTREME REDUCTIONS IN THE PROVISIONS FOR INDOCHINA POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION AND FOR THE VITAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. FACING THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS--A CRISIS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE ROME CONFERENCE--IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PROVISION BE MADE TO ASSIST THE LDC'S TO INCREASE THEIR FOOD PRODUCTION.

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I SHALL BE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR HELP. INGERSOLL

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